

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
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**B. PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS REGULATIONS BY
BOARD, BUREAU, & PROGRAM**

(1) ACCOUNTANCY, BOARD OF

**AB 270
Correa**

Accountancy Board Composition

Two Year Bill

Would increase the composition of the Board of Accountancy from 10 members to 11 by adding one public member. This is consistent with the Department of Consumer Affairs' recommendation to the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee to add an additional public member in order to achieve balanced representation of professional and public members.

**AB 585
Nation**

Board of Accountancy Sunset /Uniform Accountancy Act

Enacted

Revises the educational and experience requirements for certified public account applicants and creates a peer review process for registered firms who wish to provide attest services. Effectively provides a second pathway to licensure for those accountants who want licensure reciprocity with other states who require compliance with the Uniform Accountancy Act's educational standards. Also see SB 133.

**SB 133
Figueroa**

Accountancy Board Sunset Extension/Uniform Accountancy Act

Enacted

Extends the Accountancy Board's sunset date to July 1, 2006, increases the Board's membership by one additional public member, and contains five fee increases. Similar to AB 585, establishes an alternative to the traditional method of qualifying for licensure as a California accountant.

(2) ACUPUNCTURE BOARD

**SB 341
Perata**

Acupuncture: Scope of Practice

Enacted

Expands the scope of practice for acupuncturists by authorizing them to use heat, cold, magnets, diet, herbs, plant, animal, and mineral products and dietary supplements as treatment modalities. This bill is a reintroduction of SB 466 (Perata/1999), without expanding the practice to include low-level laser stimulation.

(3) ARCHITECTS BOARD

AB 1144 Bates	<u>Architectural Services</u> Authorizes the California Architects Board to collect data regarding the organizations through which architects practice (names and addresses). The data will be collected by modifying the current license renewal form to add a new area to enter this information. This is a modified reintroduction of last year's vetoed AB 1916.	Enacted
AB 1486 Dutra	<u>Building Inspections: Immunity From Liability</u> See page 5.	Two Year Bill
AB 1534 Longville	<u>Construction Projects: Subcontractor Payment</u> See page 5.	Enacted
AB 1596 Shelley	<u>Limited Liability Partnerships for Architects</u> See page 5.	Enacted
SB 724 Senate Business & Professions	<u>California Architects Board</u> Clarifies that the use of the words "certify" or "certification" by a licensed architect expresses a professional opinion only and does not constitute a warranty or guarantee.	Enacted
SB 1102 Alarcon	<u>Architectural and Engineering Services for Public Contracts</u> See page 6.	Two Year Bill

(4) ATHLETIC COMMISSION

AB 286 Cedillo	<u>Boxers' Pension Fund Administration</u> Makes several changes to the administration of the Boxers' Pension Fund to ensure the availability of sufficient funds for qualified retirees. Changes the name of the Boxer's Pension Account to the Boxers' Pension Fund and establishes the fund in the State Treasury.	Enacted
SB 694 Sher	<u>Regulation of Athlete Agents</u> See page 25.	Vetoed

(5) AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, BUREAU OF (See also Smog Check Program)

AB 1560 Nation	<u>Auto Repair and Smog Check Enforcement Enhancement</u> See page 1.	Enacted
SB 1178 Burton	<u>Automotive Crash Parts: Certification Study</u> See page 3.	Enacted

(6) BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY, BUREAU OF

AB 266
Leonard

Externship Hours

Two Year Bill

Would increase from 8 hours to 16 hours the maximum weekly hours that cosmetology externs may work. Would specify that the total hours may not exceed 20% of the hours required for completion of the course. The bill would delete a provision prohibiting the payment of cosmetology externs.

SB 886
Polanco

Licensing Requirements

Two Year Bill

Would provide that each three months of practice as a cosmetologist, barber, esthetician, manicurist, or electrologist shall be deemed the equivalent of three credits or 1/16 of the competency requirement necessary for an applicant to take the examination for the respective speciality.

SB 887
Polanco

Master Cosmetologist License

Two Year Bill

Would increase the specified minimum hours of technical training and practical operations required for nail care courses, specify the minimum hours required for certain subjects, establish minimum qualifications for taking the master cosmetologist examination, and specify the scope of that examination.

(7) BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES, BOARD OF

AB 213
Nation

Mental Health Records: Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists

Enacted

See page 26.

AB 1616
Wright

Sexual Misconduct by a Health Professional: Statute of Limitations

Enacted

See page 20.

SB 15
Figueroa

Health Professionals Discipline Process

Two Year Bill

Would address issues relating to the peer review discipline process for health care professionals, and revise the peer review process by providing sole authority to grant a continuance of a hearing to the arbitrator or presiding officer.

SB 16
Figueroa

Health Professionals Discipline Process

Enacted

Revises the discipline reporting system for health care practitioners (commonly referred to as 805 reports) by increasing penalties for non-reporting. Establishes a pilot program for the early detection and intervention of potential quality problems with physicians. Requires a comprehensive study of the peer review process and a report to be submitted to the Legislature by November 1, 2002.

SB 149 Figueroa	<u>Health Professionals Discipline Process</u>	Two Year Bill
	Would provide that a peer review body which intentionally, recklessly, or negligently fails to file a required 805 report on a licensee shall be "strictly liable" for the injuries and damages caused by the licensee, if the licensee causes harm to a second patient through actions that would have been the subject of the original 805.	
SB 150 Figueroa	<u>Health Professionals Discipline Process</u>	Two Year Bill
	Would exempt additional proceedings or records of specified organized committees or peer review bodies from the prohibition of discovery and testimony.	
SB 349 Senate Business & Professions	<u>Board of Behavioral Sciences: Technical Clean-Up</u>	Enacted
	Sponsored by the Department of Consumer Affairs, this statute repeals an obsolete provision of law relating to registered marriage and family therapist interns.	
SB 537 Vasconcellos	<u>Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors Study</u>	Vetoed
	Would have required the Department of Consumer Affairs to review the need for licensing substance abuse counselors, and to notify the Governor and the Legislature by June 1, 2002 of any determination regarding the need for licensure	
SB 716 Machado	<u>Psychotherapist-Patient Privileged Communications</u>	Enacted
	Expands the confidentiality privilege of certain communications between a psychotherapist and his/her patients. Specifically, this statute expands the definition of "psychotherapist" by adding that communication between a patient and a registered or licensed professional (or his or her trainee or intern) <i>that the patient reasonably believes is a "psychotherapist"</i> would be confidential and privileged.	
SB 724 Senate Business & Professions	<u>Board of Behavioral Sciences: Omnibus Bill</u>	Enacted
	Protects consumers by: 1) requiring registered marriage, family, and child therapist interns and associate clinical social workers to notify the Board if they have been convicted of a crime subsequent to their last renewal; 2) stating that no applicant shall be eligible to participate in the oral exam if their passing score on the written exam is more than seven years old; 3) adopting comprehensive laws relative to experience gained by associate clinical social workers; and 4) excluding from licensure those candidates that have been convicted of child sexual abuse in this state or any other state or those who have to register as a sex offender.	

(8) CEMETERY AND FUNERAL BUREAU

AB 322 Campbell, Bill	<u>Cemeteries: Disposition of Family Plots</u>	Enacted
	Allows for the sale, transfer, or donation of unoccupied portions of family cemetery plots in private cemeteries by allowing the plot to pass according to inheritance laws if the owner dies without making a specific disposition of the plot. This law and SB 542 are similar.	

AB 408 Correa	<u>Cemetery and Funeral Enforcement</u>	Enacted
	This statute sponsored by the Department of Consumer Affairs contains several provisions that enhance the regulation of cemetery and funeral services. Among other things, the statute increases consumer protection by closing a loophole in the law by requiring universal state licensure for all establishments who operate crematories, and requiring all their corporate officers to submit to a criminal history review when the corporation seeks licensure.	
AB 446 Assembly Business & Professions	<u>Cemetery and Funeral Bureau</u>	Enacted
	This Department of Consumer Affairs-sponsored statute grants the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau authority to collect accrued and unpaid penalties on delinquent license renewals. Provides that delinquency fees do not apply to licenses and registrations that have been lawfully designated as inactive or retired.	
AB 1277 Cardenas	<u>Funeral Directors: Preneed Arrangement Disclosure Requirements</u>	Enacted
	Establishes additional disclosure requirements on funeral homes regarding preneed arrangements by requiring funeral homes to: 1) place a statement on their price lists informing consumers that they are entitled to receive a copy of any preneed contracts, and 2) declare on a form to be developed by the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau whether or not they have a preneed arrangement on behalf of the deceased.	
SB 542 Ortiz	<u>Cemeteries: Alienability of Family Plots and Technical Changes</u>	Enacted
	Allows for the sale, transfer, or donation of unoccupied portions of family cemetery plots in private cemeteries by allowing the plot to pass according to inheritance laws if the owner dies without making a specific disposition of the plot. Also makes various non-substantive and technical changes in the funeral and cemetery statutes. This law and AB 322 are similar.	
SB 723 Figueroa	<u>Cemetery and Crematory Law</u>	Two Year Bill
	Would make various changes to the cemetery and crematory laws relating to payment of renewal fees, cemetery operations, the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau's right to inspect records and premises, and costs of examinations.	

(9) CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD

AB 264 Correa	<u>Service and Repair Contractors</u> Would create a “service and repair” the specialty license category under the Contractors Act. The bill would define “service and repair contractor” as a contractor whose operations involve customer conditions that require immediate attention, including a personal emergency that does not exceed \$2,500 in labor and material. Would exempt service and repair contractors from the three-day right to rescind law if the consumer signs a waiver acknowledging that the condition in question requires immediate attention or is a personal emergency.	Two Year Bill
AB 267 Steinberg	<u>Construction Defect Litigation for Common Interest Developments</u> Would revise the pre-litigation process (“Calderon Process”) for construction defect actions between builders and homeowners’ associations involving common interest developments with 20 or more units, such as condominiums.	Two Year Bill
AB 543 Vargas	<u>Mechanics' Liens</u> See page 7.	Two Year Bill
AB 568 Dutra	<u>Mechanics' Liens</u> See Page 8.	Two Year Bill
AB 592 Diaz	<u>Public Contracts: Third-Party Claims</u> Would prohibit a public entity that is an additional insured under a contractor's liability insurance from compromising or otherwise settling any third party claim against the public entity unless the governing body of the public entity determines that the insurance carrier has violated specified requirements.	Two Year Bill
AB 600 Dutra	<u>Home Construction Defects and Warranties</u> Would significantly alter private tort rights by authorizing participating homebuilders to offer home construction warranties as an alternate to construction defect lawsuits and requiring the Contractors State License Board to certify licensed general contractors as participating homebuilders authorized to offer consumers a state-sanctioned 10-year home warranty against construction defects.	Two Year Bill
AB 678 Papan	<u>Unlicensed Contractors</u> Expands an existing law that prohibits unlicensed contractors from receiving payment by allowing consumers to recover all compensation paid to an unlicensed contractor.	Enacted
AB 752 Briggs	<u>Advertising Legal Services for Construction Defect Litigation</u> See page 8.	Two Year Bill
AB 794 Shelley	<u>Contractors: Liability</u> See page 4.	Two Year Bill

AB 1679 Shelley	<u>Contractors' Responsibility for Temporary Employees</u> See page 5.	Vetoed
SB 135 Figueroa	<u>Complaint Disclosure: Making Information About Contractors Public</u> See page 10.	Enacted
SB 355 Escutia	<u>Liability: Construction Defects</u> See page 11.	Two Year Bill
SB 724 Senate Business & Professions	<u>Contractors State License Board</u> Provides the Contractors State License Board with more flexibility to schedule its quarterly meetings. Authorizes the Registrar of Contractors to issue administrative citations and civil penalties and to use collection agencies to collect those penalties. Makes other administrative changes.	Enacted
SB 929 Machado	<u>Funding for the Construction Management Education Account</u> Would have authorized the Contractors State License Board to transfer up to one percent of specified licensing revenue accrued in the Contractors License Fund to the Construction Education Fund on an annual basis for the purpose of promoting education in the construction industry.	Vetoed
SB 1191 Speier	<u>Repeal of Reporting Requirements</u> Deletes obsolete reporting requirements for the Contractors State License Board relating to the number of false claims against contractors received. Expands the entities that should receive the report regarding CSLB transactions during the previous biennium, including a statement of receipts and expenditures. Also eliminates reporting requirements for the discretionary advisory small claims study committee.	Enacted

(10) COURT REPORTERS BOARD

SB 805 McPherson	<u>Deposition Procedures: Owner of Recordings.</u> See page 12.	Two Year Bill
SB 852 Figueroa	<u>Court Reporters Schools and Programs</u> Makes court-reporting schools accountable for improvement of student awareness of school requirements and performance necessary to reduce delays students face in completing coursework to graduate and take the state examination.	Enacted

(11) DENTAL BOARD

AB 447 Firebaugh	<u>Dental Board of California: Member Composition</u> Requires 2 of the Governor's 12 appointments to the 14-member Dental Board to be a dentist from an academic institution and a dentist practicing in a nonprofit community clinic.	Enacted
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AB 564 Lowenthal	<u>Reporting of Harm to Dental Patients</u> Requires dentists to report to the Dental Board when patients are hospitalized as a result of dental treatment, particularly related to oral conscious sedation, and requires the Dental Board to submit a report of the information received to the Legislature by January 1, 2003.	Enacted
AB 652 Horton	<u>University of California: Health Professions Education and Outreach</u> See page 18.	Enacted
AB 668 Chan	<u>California Dentist Loan Forgiveness Program</u> Requires the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, by October 1, 2002, to report to the Legislature on the feasibility of establishing a California Dental Loan Forgiveness Program.	Enacted
AB 1026 Oropeza	<u>Dental Advertising</u> Would allow dentists to advertise that their practice is limited to a specific field if the dentist is certified or meets certification requirements or the advertisement discloses s/he is a general dentist.	Two Year Bill
AB 1045 Firebaugh	<u>Task Force on Culturally & Linguistically Competent Physicians and Dentists</u> See page 19.	Two Year Bill
AB 1360 Pescetti	<u>Dentists and Physicians: Professional Liability Insurance</u> Would require licensed dentists and physicians to disclose to their patients if they do not have liability coverage.	Two Year Bill
AB 1428 Aanestad	<u>Dental Board: Licensure by Credential</u> Provides licensure by credential for out-of-state dentists, which allows the Dental Board to waive California's practical examination for an out-of-state dentist who meets specified requirements. This statute also requires the Dental Board to prepare a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2005 regarding the impact of the statute on the availability of dentists in California.	Enacted
SB 15 Figueroa	<u>Health Professionals Discipline Process</u> See page 32.	Two Year Bill
SB 16 Figueroa	<u>Health Professionals Discipline Process</u> See page 32.	Enacted

SB 26 Figueroa	<u>Enforcement Program Monitor: Dental Auxillaries Scope of Practice</u> Requires the: 1) Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs to appoint an Enforcement Program Monitor for the Dental Board, no later than March 31, 2002; 2) Enforcement Program Monitor to submit an initial report of his/her findings to the Legislature, Department, and Dental Board, no later than September 1, 2002; and 3) Department of Consumer Affairs to perform an independent review of the scope of practice of dental auxiliaries, including an occupational analysis, and report its findings to the Legislature by September 1, 2002. Urgency Statute Effective 10/09/01.	Enacted
SB 134 Figueroa	<u>Dental Board Sunset</u> Eliminates the <i>current</i> Dental Board and the <i>current</i> Board executive officer on January 1, 2002. Replaces the current Board with a newly appointed Dental Board on January 1, 2002, and allows the new Board to appoint an executive officer with the approval of the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs. Establishes a new sunset date for the new Board of July 1, 2004. Specifies that the new Board shall retain the enforcement and disciplinary authority vested in the current Dental Board. Requires the Board to survey the training and practice of oral maxillofacial surgeons and report its findings to the Legislature. Requires dentists to provide "The Dental Materials Fact Sheet" that discusses possible health risks related to various types of dental restorative materials to all patients prior to the performance of any dental restoration.	Enacted
SB 134 Figueroa	<u>Committee on Dental Auxiliaries</u> Extends the sunset date for the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries by two years to July 1, 2004; requires applicants and existing registered dental assistants to complete courses in radiation safety and coronal polishing; reduces the 18-month work experience requirement to 12 months for dental assistant applicants; and eliminates the current requirement that COMDA hold a meeting in Sacramento and a meeting in Los Angeles.	Enacted
SB 149 Figueroa	<u>Health Professionals Discipline Process</u> See Page 32.	Two Year Bill
SB 150 Figueroa	<u>Health Professionals Discipline Process</u> See Page 32.	Two Year Bill
SB 573 Burton	<u>Special Permit for Out-Of-State Dentists</u> Would have authorized the Dental Board to issue a special permit allowing out-of-state dentists to practice in primary care clinics if the applicant satisfies specified requirements, which do not require passing a California licensure examination. The bill was amended to remove these provisions and is no longer a Chesbro bill and now deals with health care coverage of acupuncture services. Similar provisions that allow out-of-state dentists to practice in under-served areas without a California license were amended into AB 1428 (Aanestad, Chapter 507, Statutes of 2001).	Two Year Bill

SB 724
Senate
Business &
Professions

Dental Board

Enacted

Repeals the provision that establishes an examining committee to assist the Dental Board in the examination process, and instead requires the Board to obtain assistance from California licensees; extends to January 1, 2006, the provision that allows a physician to administer general anesthesia in a licensed dentist's office, provided s/he has a Medical Board-issued certificate; and allows the Dental Board to provide a waiver of 50% of the renewal fee for a licensee who is unable to practice due to a disability.

SB 826
Margett

Dental Board Peace Officers

Enacted

Extends for 1.5 years the Dental Board's ability to permanently employ seven additional peace officers for its enforcement program, and requires the Board to perform a follow-up study to a report submitted to the Legislature in 2000, pursuant to AB 900 (Alquist, Chapter 840, Statutes of 1999), that would further examine the Board's need for sworn peace officers.

SB 1191
Speier

Repeal of Reporting Requirements

Enacted

Deletes reporting requirements for a Dental Board study completed in 1998.

(12) ELECTRONIC AND APPLIANCE REPAIR

AB 372
Nation

Home Warranty and Service Contracts

Two Year Bill

See page 3.

AB 446
Assembly
Business &
Professions

Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair

Enacted

This Department of Consumer Affairs-sponsored statute eliminates an obsolete requirement that installers of cellular telephones register with the Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair as service dealers. Makes the Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair registrants responsible for ensuring their registration is current and valid.

**(13) ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS,
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL**

AB 535
Campbell,
John

Engineers: Disciplinary Action

Two Year Bill

Would authorize the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to discipline a licensed engineer who has been convicted of insurance fraud.

AB 1486
Dutra

Building Inspections: Immunity from Liability

Two Year Bill

See page 5.

SB 26
Figueroa

Report: Title Act Registration

Enacted

Extends from 9/1/01 to 9/1/02 the date by which the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors must submit the title act registration report to the Legislature.
Urgency Statute Effective 10/09/01

SB 136
Figueroa

Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Sunset and Fee Increase

Enacted

Extends the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors' sunset date by two years to July 1, 2004. Increases the statutory *initial* licensing and renewal fees for engineers, engineers-in-training, land surveyors, and land surveyors-in-training. Extends, from 6/30/2000 to 6/1/2003, the date by which the Board must use the national examination for land surveyors.

SB 1102
Alarcon

Architectural and Engineering Services for Public Contracts

Two Year Bill

See page 6.

(14) GEOLOGISTS AND GEOPHYSICISTS, BOARD FOR

AB 446
Assembly
Business &
Professions

Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists

Enacted

This Department of Consumer Affairs-sponsored statute grants the Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists authority to collect accrued and unpaid penalties on delinquent license renewals. Provides that delinquency fees do not apply to licenses and registrations that have been lawfully designated as inactive or retired.

(15) GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND, BOARD OF

SB 136
Figueroa

Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind Sunset

Enacted

Extends the sunset date for the Board and its arbitration panel pilot project by six years to July 1, 2008.

(16) HEARING AID DISPENSERS BUREAU

No bills introduced in the 2001 legislative session.

**(17) HOME FURNISHINGS AND THERMAL INSULATION,
BUREAU OF**

AB 603
Dutra

Mattress Fire Safety Standards

Enacted

See page 16.

(18) LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

AB 446 Assembly Business & Professions	<u>Landscape Architects Program</u>	Enacted
	This Department of Consumer Affairs-sponsored statute grants the Landscape Architects Program authority to collect accrued and unpaid penalties on delinquent license renewals. Provides that delinquency fees do not apply to licenses and registrations that have been lawfully designated as inactive or retired.	

(19) MEDICAL BOARD

AB 487 Aroner	<u>Medical Professionals: Pain Management Education</u>	Enacted
	See page 18.	
AB 652 Horton	<u>University of California: Health Professions Education and Outreach</u>	Enacted
	See page 18.	
AB 900 Papan	<u>Local Emergency Medical Services Funds</u>	Vetoed
	See page 18.	
AB 1045 Firebaugh	<u>Task Force on Culturally and Linguistically Competent Physicians and Dentists</u>	Two Year Bill
	See page 19.	
AB 1158 Cardenas	<u>Medical Professionals: Sex Offenses</u>	Two Year Bill
	See page 19.	
AB 1311 Goldberg	<u>Free Copies of Medical Records for Public Benefits Applicants</u>	Enacted
	See page 19.	
AB 1360 Pescetti	<u>Dentists and Physicians: Professional Liability Insurance</u>	Two Year Bill
	See page 37.	
AB 1562 Aanestad	<u>Telemedicine: Incentives</u>	Two Year Bill
	See page 20.	
AB 1586 Negrete McLeod	<u>Medical Board: Reporting Specialty Certifications</u>	Enacted
	Requires each California licensed physician to report to the Medical Board at the time of license renewal, any specialty board certification s/he holds and his or her practice status. Authorizes a physician to report to the board cultural or linguistic competency with regards to minority cultures or languages other than English. Also requires the board to determine standards for cultural and linguistic competency for this purpose.	

AB 1589 Simitian	<u>Electronic Transmission of Prescriptions</u> See page 20.	Enacted
AB 1616 Wright	<u>Sexual Misconduct by a Health Professional: Statute of Limitations</u> See page 20.	Enacted
SB 15 Figueroa	<u>Health Professionals Discipline Process</u> See page 32.	Two Year Bill
SB 16 Figueroa	<u>Health Professionals Discipline Process</u> See page 32.	Enacted
SB 26 Figueroa	<u>Health Professionals Discipline Process: Study</u> Requires the Medical Board to contract with the Institute of Medical Quality to conduct a comprehensive study of the hospital peer review disciplinary process used by various entities throughout the state. Urgency Statute Effective 10/09/01.	Enacted
SB 111 Alpert	<u>Medical Assistants</u> See page 21.	Enacted
SB 149 Figueroa	<u>Health Professionals Discipline Process</u> See page 32.	Two Year Bill
SB 150 Figueroa	<u>Health Professionals Discipline Process</u> See page 32.	Two Year Bill
SB 455 Senate Insurance	<u>Health Care: Corporate Practice of Medicine</u> See page 21.	Enacted
SB 492 Polanco	<u>Foreign Medical School Graduates: Waiver of Residence Requirement</u> Would require the Department of Health Services (DHS) to implement a program to waive the two-year residence requirement allowing foreign medical school graduates to continue working in California's designated health shortage areas. In addition, the bill would specify the criteria to be met by the applicant, facility, or practice employing the applicant, and require any application approved by DHS to be forwarded to the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for final approval.	Two Year Bill

SB 724
Senate
Business &
Professions

Medical Board

Enacted

Requires that a report on a physician's or surgeon's professional negligence include the name and license number of the physician or surgeon; requires that every professional liability insurance provider reporting to the Board any judgment of a claim for damages include the name and license number of the physician or surgeon; and specifies that the Board's denial of an application for licensure would cease a graduate's (applicant's) permit to practice medicine as part of his/her training program

SB 760
Murray

Medical Education

Vetoed

Would have established in the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development the California Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program to provide state funds to repay qualifying educational loans of specified health care professionals.

SB 1000
Johannessen

Triplicate Prescriptions: Reporting of Schedule II Controlled Substances

Vetoed

Would have: 1) required the Attorney General to submit a report to the Legislature by July 2002, describing how the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) needs to be modified in order to make it a secure stand-alone electronic monitoring system; 2) appropriated \$145,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Justice for the operation and evaluation of CURES; and 3) allowed practitioners or pharmacists to obtain data from CURES on controlled substances dispensed to a patient under his/her care.

SB 1080
Bowen

Medical Care Providers: Gynecological Cancers

Enacted

See page 21.

(20) MISCELLANEOUS BOARDS AND BUREAUS

SB 136
Figueroa

California Tax Education Council: Sunset Extension

Enacted

Extends the sunset date for the California Tax Education Council by six years to July 1, 2008. Requires the Council to establish a process for appointing two tax preparers to serve on the Council. Removes the Bureau of Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education as a responsible entity for approving and certifying tax preparer education providers and the education offered.

SB 724
Senate
Business &
Professions

Board of Chiropractic Examiners: Enforcement

Enacted

Authorizes the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to request cost recovery on enforcement cases; makes it a misdemeanor for a chiropractor to offer or accept a rebate, commission, discount, or other consideration for the referral of a patient; allows the Board to establish by regulation a citation and fine system for the violations.

SB 105
Burton

Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

**Withdrawn by
author**

Would have created a State Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

SB 136
Figueroa

Interior Designers: Sunset Extension

Enacted

Extends the statutory authority for the California Council for Interior Design to provide private certification to interior designers by two years to January 1, 2004. Requires the Council to report to the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee by September 1, 2002, regarding outreach efforts, examinations, finances, interactions with the California Legislative Council on Interior Design, and makes other technical and clarifying changes.

(21) NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS, BUREAU OF

AB 1409
Chan

Nursing Home Administrators

Enacted

Completes the transfer of the Bureau of Nursing Home Administrators from the Department of Consumer Affairs to the Department of Health Services. Also carries provisions regarding the regulatory program for nursing home administrators.

SB 26
Figueroa

Board Issues: Nursing Home Administrators

Enacted

Deletes the Bureau Nursing Home Administrators from the list of boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs. AB 1409 (Chan, Chapter 687, 2001) transfers the authority to regulate the licensure and regulation of nursing home administrators from the Department of Consumer Affairs to the Department of Health Services. **Urgency Statute Effective 10/09/01**

(22) OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, BOARD OF

SB 26
Figueroa

Board Issues: Board of Occupational Therapy

Enacted

Adds the Board of Occupational Therapy to the list of boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs. **Urgency Statute Effective 10/09/01.**

(23) OPTOMETRY, BOARD OF

AB 652
Horton

University of California: Health Professions Education and Outreach

Enacted

See page 18.

SB 349
Senate
Business &
Professions

Board of Optometry

Enacted

Sponsored by the Department of Consumer Affairs, this statute grants the Board of Optometry authority to collect accrued and unpaid penalties on delinquent license renewals. Provides that delinquency fees do not apply to licenses and registrations that have been lawfully designated as inactive or retired.

(24) OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL BOARD

SB 16
Figueroa

Health Professionals Discipline Process

Enacted

See page 32.

SB 26
Figueroa

Osteopathic Medical Board: Transfer to the Department of Consumer Affairs

Enacted

Places the Osteopathic Board under the jurisdiction of the Department of Consumer Affairs, and transfers the support of the Board's budget, accounting, and personnel functions to the Department effective July 1, 2002. **Urgency Statute Effective 10/09/01.**

SB 149
Figueroa

Health Professionals Discipline Process

Two Year Bill

See Page 32.

(25) PHARMACY, BOARD OF

AB 108
Strom-Martin

Pharmacy: Licensure

Two Year Bill

Would allow the Board of Pharmacy to accept the national pharmacy licensing exam as the California licensing exam. Originally, AB 108 would have allowed California pharmacies located on recognized Indian tribal land to operate without a California-licensed pharmacist on the premises, and provided licensing reciprocity for out-of-state pharmacists with the condition that they practice in a California pharmacy located on Indian land.

AB 225
Washington

Psychotropic Drugs: Dependent Children/Wards of the Court

Two Year Bill

Would make it unprofessional conduct to prescribe, dispense, or furnish psychotropic drugs (such as ritalin) to a dependent child or ward of the court without an order from the juvenile court; require the Board of Pharmacy to take disciplinary action against a pharmacist who violates this provision; and contain additional provisions regarding the prescribing, administering, and furnishing of psychotropic drugs without an order from the juvenile court.

AB 394
Maddox

Unlicensed Activity: Dispensing or Furnishing Without a License

Two Year Bill

Would increase the misdemeanor penalty to include the option of felony prosecution for unlicensed dispensing of dangerous drugs or dangerous devices.

AB 536
Bates

Supervision Standards for Pharmacy Technicians

Enacted

Permits an increase in the current ratio of pharmacy technicians to pharmacists in all settings from one-to-one to two-to-one. The statute also permits a pharmacist to refuse to supervise a second pharmacy technician if the pharmacist determines that a second pharmacy technician would interfere with the effective performance of the pharmacist's responsibilities.

AB 586
Nation

Pharmacists: Laboratory Tests

Enacted

Clarifies a conflict in existing law to allow pharmacists to perform simple and routine clinical laboratory tests under the direction of a laboratory director, without also having to operate under physician or health facility protocols. This statute also makes technical, clarifying changes to related provisions of law regulating when pharmacists are permitted to perform clinical laboratory tests.

AB 809 Salinas	<u>Automated Drug Delivery Systems</u>	Enacted
	Increases access to pharmaceutical services by authorizing the use of a remotely controlled automated drug delivery system in community clinics that are already authorized to dispense drugs without a pharmacist.	
AB 826 Cohn	<u>Permitted Activities for Pharmacists</u>	Enacted
	Allows pharmacists to provide clinical or consulting services outside of a licensed health care setting; permits pharmacists in an outpatient care setting, pursuant to protocol, to initiate drug regimens for patients; and permits pharmacists in any setting to adjust a patient's drug regimen.	
AB 1292 Aroner	<u>Hypodermic Needles and Syringes</u>	Two Year Bill
	Would enact the Syringe Pharmacy Sale and Disease Prevention Act; authorize only pharmacists in a licensed pharmacy to furnish or sell hypodermic needles or syringes without a prescription or permit; and provide additional provisions relative to the storage, disposal, and public information regarding hypodermic needles and syringes. In addition, this bill would require the Legislative Analyst's office to review safe syringe disposal programs in other states and report its findings to the Legislature.	
AB 1589 Simitian	<u>Electronic Transmission of Prescriptions</u>	Enacted
	See page 20.	
AB 1616 Wright	<u>Sexual Misconduct by a Health Professional: Statute of Limitations</u>	Enacted
	See page 20.	
SB 119 Haynes	<u>Psychiatric Medications for Minors</u>	Two Year Bill
	Among other provisions, would require the Board of Pharmacy to track the prescribing of psychiatric medications for minors in the state and make information available to the Legislature and other state entities on an ongoing basis.	
SB 293 Torlakson	<u>Compounded Injectable Sterile Drug Products: New Licensing Program</u>	Enacted
	Requires pharmacies to obtain a special license from the Board of Pharmacy in order to compound injectable sterile drug products; establishes a fee of \$500 for a license to compound injectable sterile drug products; contains an appropriation of \$580,000 from the Pharmacy Board's special fund to cover the start-up costs of the new licensing program; specifies that the new program becomes operative upon allocation of positions through the budget process; requires the Board to adopt regulations establishing the health and safety standards for compounding sterile drug products in a pharmacy; makes a violation of the licensing requirement subject to a fine of up to \$2,500 per occurrence; and provides the executive officer of the Board with the authority to issue cease and desist orders, including the immediate closure of all or part of a pharmacy that compounds injectable sterile drug products.	

SB 340 Speier	<u>Prescriptions: Dosage Form Changes: Federal Discounted Drug Program</u>	Enacted
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Permits pharmacists to make dosage form changes (e.g., liquid instead of pill, spray instead of injection) to prescribed medications when the change will improve the ability of the patient to comply with the prescribed drug therapy, enacts a number of safeguards to protect the patient, including allowing prescribers to indicate when form changes are not permitted; and allows specified health care clinics to participate in a federally subsidized discounted drug program and contract with pharmacies without having to obtain a wholesaler's license from the Pharmacy Board.

SB 724 Senate Business & Professions	<u>Board of Pharmacy : Miscellaneous Issues</u>	Enacted
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Revises the Board of Pharmacy's authority to issue a temporary permit to a pharmacy that is transferring ownership. Provides that it is a misdemeanor for a wholesaler or any other person to allow an individual, who is not a pharmacist or exemptee, to furnish dangerous drugs or dangerous devices. Repeals an obsolete provision regarding the Board's fee for processing remodeling plans and inspecting remodeled pharmacies.

SB 1000 Johannessen	<u>Triplicate Prescriptions: Reporting of Schedule II Controlled Substances</u>	Vetoed
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See page 43.

SB 1169 Alpert	<u>Emergency Contraception Prescriptions</u>	Enacted
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Permits pharmacists to initiate emergency contraceptives to patients based on standardized procedures or protocols established by the pharmacist and an authorized prescriber; requires the pharmacist to complete a training program on emergency contraception; and requires the pharmacist to provide the patient with a fact sheet (developed by the Board of Pharmacy) that includes information regarding the use of the drug and the need for medical follow-up.

(26) PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

SB 349 Senate Business & Professions	<u>Physical Therapy Board</u>	Enacted
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Sponsored by the Department of Consumer Affairs, this statute grants the Physical Therapy Board authority to collect accrued and unpaid penalties on delinquent license renewals. Provides that delinquency fees not apply to licenses and registrations that have been lawfully designated as inactive or retired.

(27) PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE

AB 1158 Cardenas	<u>Medical Professionals: Sex Offenses</u>	Two Year Bill
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See page 19.

AB 1194 Correa	<u>Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners: Workers Compensation Cases</u>	Enacted
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See page 19.

SB 111 **Medical Assistants** **Enacted**
Alpert See page 21.

SB 349 **Physician Assistant Committee** **Enacted**
Senate Sponsored by the Department of Consumer Affairs, this statute revises
Business & provisions relating to meeting requirements of the Physician Assistant
Professions Committee.

(28) PODIATRIC MEDICINE, BOARD OF

SB 26 **Limited License: Postgraduate Residency Programs** **Enacted**
Figueroa Reinstates the requirement that podiatrists participating in postgraduate
residency programs obtain a limited license from the Podiatry Board.
Urgency Statute Effective 10/09/01.

SB 349 **Board of Podiatric Medicine** **Enacted**
Senate Sponsored by the Department of Consumer Affairs, this statute realigns
Business & the hiring authority of the Board of Podiatric Medicine to conform with that
Professions of all other DCA boards by allowing it to employ all personnel necessary
to carry out its duties subject to the appointment of investigative
personnel by the Division of Investigation in the Department of Consumer
Affairs.

SB 724 **Board of Podiatric Medicine Licensing Fees** **Enacted**
Senate Extends the Board of Podiatric Medicine's authority to collect biennial
Business & license renewal fees of \$900 by two more years from January 1, 2002 to
Professions until January 1, 2004.

(29) PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, BUREAU FOR

AB 201 **Student Tuition Recovery Fund** **Enacted**
Wright Tightens Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) reporting requirements
for schools; requires delinquent institutions to pay their STRF dues;
adjusts the regular STRF assessment rates to ensure that schools meet
their fiscal obligation to the STRF; and improves the Bureau of Private
Postsecondary and Vocational Education's complaint and enforcement
processes.

AB 1720 **California Postsecondary Education Commission Review of BPPVE** **Enacted**
Assembly Requires the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee to work with the
Higher California Postsecondary Education Commission in the 2002-03 sunset
Education review evaluation of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and
Vocational Education.

SB 43 **Release of Student Information** **Two Year Bill**
Murray See page 26.

**SB 1001
Ackerman**

**Private Postsecondary Educational Institutions: Licensure
Exemption**

Two Year Bill

Would exempt from licensure and regulation under the Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989 nonprofit institutions accredited by the senior or junior commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges or accredited by the other regional institutional accrediting bodies recognized by the United States Department of Education, if the institution exclusively confers degrees upon the completion of a course of study of one or more years.

(30) PSYCHOLOGY, BOARD OF

**AB 1158
Cardenas**

Medical Professionals: Sex Offenses

Two Year Bill

See page 20.

**SB 15
Figueroa**

Health Professionals Discipline Process

Two Year Bill

See page 32.

**SB 149
Figueroa**

Health Professionals Discipline Process

Two Year Bill

See page 32.

**SB 150
Figueroa**

Health Professionals Discipline Process

Two Year Bill

See page 32.

**SB 349
Senate
Business &
Professions**

Board of Psychology

Enacted

Sponsored by the Department of Consumer Affairs, this statute grants the Board of Psychology authority to collect accrued and unpaid penalties on delinquent license renewals. Provides that delinquency fees do not apply to licenses and registrations that have been lawfully designated as inactive or retired.

**SB 724
Senate
Business &
Professions**

Board of Psychology

Enacted

Clarifies that the unlicensed practice of psychology is illegal, whether compensation is received or not.

(31) REGISTERED NURSING, BOARD OF

**AB 644
Cox**

Home Health Agencies

**Withdrawn by
Author**

See page 18.

**AB 1075
Shelley**

Skilled Nursing Facilities: Staffing Ratios

Enacted

See page 19.

**AB 1140
Thomson**

Nursing: Shortage of Registered Nurses

Two Year Bill

See page 19.

AB 1194 Correa	<u>Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners: Workers Compensation Cases</u> See page 19.	Enacted
AB 1253 Matthews	<u>Nursing</u> See page 19.	Enacted
SB 111 Alpert	<u>Medical Assistants</u> See page 21.	Enacted
SB 298 Figueroa	<u>Certified Nurse-Midwives: Controlled Substances</u> Codifies existing practice by authorizing a certified nurse-midwife to furnish or order controlled substances under certain conditions.	Enacted
SB 317 Ortiz	<u>Registered Nursing</u> Would create two programs to increase the number of qualified registered nurses in the state and to increase health care services in underserved areas of the state.	Two Year Bill
SB 349 Senate Business & Professions	<u>Board of Registered Nursing</u> This Department of Consumer Affairs-sponsored statute requires the Board of Registered Nursing to perform an occupational analysis of the practice of registered nursing no less than every five years, rather than every eight years, to keep pace with the rapid changes in the practice and delivery of health care.	Enacted
SB 457 Scott	<u>Nursing Education Programs</u> Would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Chancellor of the California State University to standardize all nursing program prerequisites on a statewide basis between the two systems, enter into transfer agreements between all of the universities of the California State University and all community colleges statewide, and create a statewide nursing program vacancy information system.	Two Year Bill
SB 1027 Romero	<u>Registered Nurses and Health Care Employees: Overtime</u> See page 21.	Two Year Bill
(32) RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD		
AB 1616 Wright	<u>Sexual Misconduct by a Health Professional: Statute of Limitations</u> See Page 20.	Enacted
SB 26 Figueroa	<u>Statute of Limitations on Filing Accusations</u> Provides the Respiratory Care Board with additional time to file an accusation when material evidence is not available to the Board due to an ongoing criminal investigation. Urgency Statute Effective 10/09/01	Enacted

(33) SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES, BUREAU OF

AB 143 Washington	<u>Locksmiths: Bonding Requirements</u> Would require locksmiths to maintain a \$2,500 bond for the benefit of consumers damaged by a locksmith's failure to comply with specified duties and regulations.	Two Year Bill
AB 248 Correa	<u>Private Security Services: Exemption from Regulation</u> Would remove the licensure exemption for proprietary security guards and require them to be registered as security guards with the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services. Proprietary security guards are currently exempt from state licensure and are classified as employees who work regularly and exclusively for one employer that does not provide contract security services.	Two Year Bill
AB 354 Havice	<u>School Safety: School Security Officers: Training</u> Would require every school security officer employed by a school district to complete training developed by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.	Two Year Bill
AB 356 Correa	<u>Security Services</u> Would require <i>all</i> private patrol operators to carry a specified level of insurance, instead of only those who employ armed security guards. Additionally, this bill would double the minimum insurance limits from \$500,000 to \$1 million and require that the insurance policy name the Department of Consumer Affairs as an additional insured.	Two Year Bill
AB 446 Assembly Business & Professions	<u>Bureau of Security and Investigative Services</u> The Department of Consumer Affairs-sponsored statute grants the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services the authority to collect accrued and unpaid penalties on delinquent license renewals. Provides that delinquency fees do not apply to licenses and registrations that have been lawfully designated as inactive or retired. Deletes an obsolete reference to patrol dog operators, which were deregulated in 1993.	Enacted
AB 761 Maddox	<u>Private Investigators: Exam Requirements</u> Requires the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (BSIS) to consider either: 1) changing the private investigator license examination to include questions on privacy and ethics, or 2) supplementing the existing examination with a separate examination pertaining to ethics. Also clarifies a technical oversight and grants BSIS authority to cite and fine individuals who engage in unlicensed private investigator activity.	Enacted
AB 783 Kelley	<u>Repossession Agencies: Disclosure Requirements</u> Broadens the existing disclosure requirements that repossession agencies must make to debtors after a seizure of personal property. Specifies that when a vehicle is seized, the legal owner can only be charged for administrative costs if the legal owner voluntarily requests a post-storage hearing. Also clarifies current law regarding the documents a legal owner must present to get a seized vehicle out of impound.	Enacted

AB 1023 Canciamilla	<u>Animal Control Officers: Use of Batons</u>	Enacted
	Permits animal control officers to carry wooden clubs or batons if they take a baton training course certified by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.	
AB 1195 Correa	<u>Public Safety Officers</u>	Two Year Bill
	Would provide that no public safety officer shall be subjected to punitive action or threatened with any punitive action because of the lawful exercise of rights under the Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act, any existing grievance procedure, or the state or federal constitution.	
AB 1339 Keeley	<u>School Security Training: Peace Officers and Security Guards</u>	Two Year Bill
	Would require the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services to develop a school security training manual, and to license all training instructors and facilities who teach the school security training. This bill would also require all sworn peace officers who work predominantly on school campuses to complete the specialized school security training course offered through the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.	
AB 1506 Negrete McLeod	<u>Unclaimed Property: Private Investigators: Attorneys: Accountants</u>	Two Year Bill
	Would specify that only certain licensed professionals (private investigators, attorneys, public accountants, and persons who have certain fiduciary duties) would be allowed to enter into agreements with heirs to locate and recover unclaimed property that has reverted to the state.	
SB 208 Alpert	<u>Private Investigators: Human Resource Consultant Exemption From Licensure</u>	Vetoed
	Would have exempted certified or degreed human resources consultants who perform workplace harassment investigations from regulation and licensure as private investigators. Was a revised version of last year's SB 1432 (Alpert, 2000), which sought to allow employers to utilize human resources consultants for workplace harassment investigations.	
SB 722 Figueroa	<u>Private Security Services: Fee Increases & Private Security Guard Training Requirements</u>	Enacted
	Increases consumer protection in the private security services industry by: 1) increasing the training requirements for security guards by extending the length of the required training course and describing how the course must be taught; and 2) adjusting licensing fees and fines applicable to the private security services industry to ensure adequate funding for the regulation and enforcement of the industry.	

(34) SMOG CHECK PROGRAM (see also Bureau of Automotive Repair)

AB 854 Briggs	<u>Air Quality: Smog Check Certificates for Used Cars</u> See page 1.	Enacted
AB 1058 Pavley	<u>Air Quality: Carbon Dioxide</u> See page 1.	Two Year Bill
AB 1560 Nation	<u>Auto Repair and Smog Check Enforcement Enhancement</u> See Page 1.	Enacted
SB 100 Johannessen	<u>Smog Check: Kit Car Exemption</u> See Page 2.	Enacted
SB 800 Johannessen	<u>Collector Motor Vehicles: Smog Check Exemption</u> See Page 2.	Two Year Bill

(35) SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY BOARD

SB 50 Machado	<u>Speech-Language Pathology Assistants</u> Extends to June 1, 2003 the grandfathering provisions, which expired January 1, 2001, that allow speech-language pathology (SLP) aides with training and on-the-job experience to apply for registration as SLP assistants. Also requires the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board to establish by regulation standards for accreditation of a SLP assistant training program's institution. SB 50 is follow-up legislation to AB 205 (Machado, Chapter 1058, Statutes of 1998) and the Board's 1999 sunset and 2000 re-creation. Urgency Statute Effective 08/13/01	Enacted
SB 349 Senate Business & Professions	<u>Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board</u> Sponsored by the Department of Consumer Affairs, this statute grants Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board the authority to collect accrued and unpaid penalties on delinquent license renewals. Provides that delinquency fees do not apply to licenses and registrations that have been lawfully designated as inactive or retired.	Enacted
SB 724 Senate Business & Professions	<u>Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board Sunset</u> Extends the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board's sunset date by two years to July 1, 2004 to allow the newly reconstituted Board additional time to prepare for sunset review.	Enacted

(36) STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD

AB 446
Assembly
Business &
Professions

Structural Pest Control Board

Enacted

This Department of Consumer Affairs-sponsored statute eliminates the obsolete Wood Roof Cleaning and Treatment classification as a separate licensure category, and repeals any statutory reporting and contractual requirements specific to wood roof cleaning and treatment.

(37) SUNSET REVIEW

AB 270
Correa

Accountancy Board Composition

Two Year Bill

See page 30.

SB 26
Figueroa

Various Boards: Sunset Review

Enacted

Establishes an independent enforcement program monitor for the Dental Board of California; requires the Department of Consumer Affairs to perform an independent review of the scope of practice of dental auxiliaries, with a report of its findings to the Legislature by September 1, 2002; places the Osteopathic Medical Board under the jurisdiction of the Department of Consumer Affairs; and transfers the support of the Osteopathic Board's budget, accounting, and personnel functions to the Department effective July 1, 2002; and reinstates the requirement that podiatrists participating in postgraduate residency programs obtain a limited license from the Podiatry Board. **Urgency Statute Effective 10/09/01.**

SB 133
Figueroa

Accountancy Board Sunset Extension/Uniform Accountancy Act

Enacted

See page 30.

SB 134
Figueroa

Dental Board & Committee on Dental Auxiliaries: Sunset Review

Enacted

See page 38.

SB 136
Figueroa

Sunset Review: Multiple DCA Boards

Enacted

Extends the sunset dates for and makes technical changes to two nonprofit organizations and several professional boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs, including a fee increase for the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Specifically, this statute addresses the California Council for Interior Design Certification, Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind, and California Tax Education Council.

(38) TELEPHONE MEDICAL ADVICE SERVICES BUREAU

No bills introduced in the 2001 legislative session.

(39) VETERINARY MEDICINE, BOARD OF

AB 446
Assembly
Business &
Professions

Veterinary Medical Board

Enacted

This Department of Consumer Affairs-sponsored statute makes non-substantive technical changes to the Veterinary Medical Practice Act (Act) to reflect name changes for the Bureau of Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education and the Registered Veterinary Technician Committee; deletes obsolete language establishing an operative date for the Registered Veterinary Technician Committee Fund, and corrects reference to an obsolete code section in the Act. Grants the Board of Veterinary Medicine the authority to collect accrued and unpaid penalties on delinquent license renewals. Provides that delinquency fees do not apply to licenses and registrations that have been lawfully designated as inactive or retired.

AB 1583
Negrete
McLeod

Extension of Veterinarian Examination Waiver

Enacted

Allows the Veterinarian Medical Board to continue reciprocity with other states by removing the sunset date on the law that entitles the Board to waive examination requirements for qualified, licensed out-of-state veterinarians and issue temporary licenses for up to one year while they are awaiting an opportunity to take California's state examination.

(40) VOCATIONAL NURSE AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS, BOARD OF

AB 644
Cox

Home Health Agencies

**Withdrawn by
Author**

See page 18.

AB 1075
Shelley

Skilled Nursing Facilities: Staffing Ratios

Enacted

See page 19.

AB 1158
Cardenas

Medical Professionals: Sex Offenses

Two Year Bill

See page 19.

SB 349
Senate
Business &
Professions

Board of Vocational Nurses and Psychiatric Technicians

Enacted

Sponsored by the Department of Consumer Affairs, this statute grants the Board of Vocational Nurses and Psychiatric Technicians the authority to collect accrued and unpaid penalties on delinquent license renewals. Provides that delinquency fees do not apply to licenses and registrations that have been lawfully designated as inactive or retired.

SB 396
Kuehl

Medical Technical Assistants

Vetoed

Would have prohibited medical technical assistants who are licensed vocational nurses from making any decision concerning access to care for inmates, and required the Department of Corrections to report to the Legislature on the cost and benefits of charging a \$5 co-payment for each inmate-initiated medical visit.

SB 664 Poochigian	<u>Nursing Education Programs</u> Requires the California Postsecondary Education Commission to conduct a review and analysis of California community college districts' admission procedures and attrition rates for their two-year associate degree nursing programs. Requires the Commission to report the results of the review to the Legislature by January 10, 2003.	Enacted
SB 724 Senate Business & Professions	<u>Board of Vocational Nurses and Psychiatric Technicians Enforcement Program</u> Requires a person whose license has been revoked, suspended, surrendered, or placed on probation by the Board to wait for specified time periods ranging from one to three years before petitioning for reinstatement.	Enacted
SB 885 Polanco	<u>Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health</u> Would appropriate up to \$3,000,000 from the General Fund to the board of governors of the California Community Colleges, and require the board of governors to allocate these funds to the Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health. Would further require that the college be allocated the same amount per full-time student as is allocated to the Los Angeles Community College District.	Two Year Bill